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In re application of: **Takashi TOMIKAWA et al.**

Serial Number: **Not Yet Assigned**
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For: **FLAME-SPRAYED COPPER-ALUMINUM COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND
ITS PRODUCTION**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 9, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Al
Sn is uniformly dispersed in the aluminum matrix. Sn preferentially adheres on the opposite shaft and thus prevents the sliding of the same kind of material, i.e., Al adhered on the opposite shaft and Al of the bearing. The seizure resistance is, thus, enhanced. When the Sn content is less than 0.1 %, Sn is slightly effective for enhancing the lubricating property. When the Sn content exceeds 30%, the strength of the alloy is lowered. A preferable Sn content is from 5 to 25%.